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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONEAN STUDENTS STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS

1. APPROXIMATELY 50 SIERRA LEONEAN NATIONALS CLAIMING
TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SIERRA LEONE STUDENT LEAGUE OF
US AND CANADA STAGED ONE HOUR DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT
OF DEPARTMENT SEPT 18. SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION HELD
EARLIER IN DAY AT EMBASSY OF SIERRA LEONE. DEMONSTRATORS
WERE ORDERLY AND CARRIED SIGNS THAT READ QUOTE FREEDOM
FOR OPPONENTS OF STEVENS' GOVERNMENT, UNQUOTE, QUOTE
MASS MURDERS UNJUST, UNQUOTE, QUOTE FREEDOM NOW, UNQUOTE,
ETC. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP DEMONSTRATIONS
STAGED IN ORDER PROTEST ALLEGED MASS EXECUTIONS
PLANNED FOR SEPT 20 OF APPROXIMATELY 150 SIERRA LEONEAN
NATIONALS IN FREETOWN. ALLEGED PROSPECTIVE VICTIMS
SUPPOSEDLY CHARGED BY GOSL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FINANCE MINISTER KAMARA-TAYLOR.

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DR. FORNAH BASH-TAQUI AND BRIGADIER LANSANA SUPPOSEDLY

AMONG THOSE TO BE EXECUTED WITHOUT TRIAL.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD DESPITE ATTEMPTS BY SIERRA LEONE EMBASSY TO ASSURE GROUP THAT REPORT OF EXECUTIONS WAS A HOAX. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT GROUP OF SIERRA LEONE NATIONALS PLANS TO STAGE SIMILAR TYPE DEMONSTRATIONS AT UN DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. DEMONSTRATORS LEFT DEPT. COPY OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT STEVENS PROTESTING QUOTE MASS ARRESTS UNQUOTE, CALLING FOR FAIR TRIALS OF THOSE ARRESTED AND FOR RESTORATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES. COPY BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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